

PIKE COUNTY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

**Pike County Courthouse
Pikeville, Kentucky**

August 7, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: Judge/Executive Wayne T. Rutherford

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

**City Manager/AOC Representative Donovan Blackburn
Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman
David Deskins, Circuit Court Clerk
Citizen at Large Hon. Charles E. Lowe, Jr.
District Judge Darrell Mullins
State Bar Association Representative Neal Smith
AOC Project Manager Jeff Lilly**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Debbie Bailey, Grace Fellowship
Russ Cassady, Reporter/News-Express
Rose Chaney, One-Hour Dry Cleaners
Jeanne Clark
Rose Farley, Recorder
Rhonda James, Finance Commissioner of Fiscal Court
Carrie Moore, Executive Assistant to Judge Rutherford
Mary Music, Medical Leader Reporter
David Robinette, Codell Construction
Jeanne Robinson, Executive Assistant to Judge/Executive
Steve Sherman, Sherman, Carter & Barnhart, Architects**

MEMBER OF THE BOARD ABSENT:

Magistrate Jeff Anderson

Pike County Judge/Executive Wayne T. Rutherford, Chair of the Pike County Project Development Board, called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on August 7, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Pike County Fiscal Courtroom, Pike County Courthouse, 146 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Judge Rutherford gave a report for Assistant Pike County Attorney R. Roland Case on the progress of the condemnation lawsuits. Attorney Case said he would file the suits on Monday on all properties except the Weddington property since he did not have complete names on that. If the names are received before Monday by him, all suits will be filed.

Before Board approval of the meeting minutes, the Recorder stated the correct date on the minutes should read July 3, 2008. With that change, **on motion by Neal Smith and second by David Deskins, the Board unanimously APPROVED the board meeting minutes for July 3, 2008.**

Judge Rutherford then called upon Steve Sherman of Sherman, Barnhart and Carter, Architects for the new Judicial Center, to give his presentation of designs. Mr. Sherman stated he would like approval of the plans this evening to enable him to take the plans to the CFSC Board for presentation of the designs to them.

Mr. Sherman reported a meeting today with local Bar representatives with about eight people attending and several meetings with the judges including Judge Larry Thompson of Family Court. He said the building would be four-stories with 90,000 square feet, approved by AOC. From what he declared is probably the smallest Circuit Clerk's office in the state, David Deskins' office space will now be more than adequate. He said the judges' spaces are identical with space for a future district judge. On the third floor, space is provided for a future circuit court judge's suite or an appellate courtroom.

He stated the elevators for the judges and for the public will be completely separate and there is one elevator for inmates only, again separated from the judges. Judge Eddy Coleman asked Mr. Sherman to explain public access and he answered that he wanted to avoid an overlap of the judges and the public. He feels the stairs, elevators and exits would provide for that separately. There is also a separate interview area for attorneys and prisoners.

Judge Rutherford asked about security and Mr. Sherman responded that is extremely critical; that the public would have to walk by the security desk to gain entrance. Judge Rutherford inquired whether Pike County Jailer Rodney Scott has been informed of these designs and Mr. Sherman verified that Jailer Scott has been involved in the design. He said the design incorporates the local post office and the old courthouse building with "a lot of symbology" in Pikeville buildings which have many pyramidal forms. He said the brick would probably be red, accented with stone. Judge Darrell Mullins pointed out there would be windows visible instead of blank walls, making it an "approachable" building. Mr. Sherman said the roof would be metal and look like copper but it will not be copper. He passed out to the Board a set of small plans for the Judicial Center and he will bring these designs to the Board again at the September meeting.

Mr. Blackburn stated he felt Mr. Sherman has done an "...outstanding job in looking at the community and intermingling components of the building; it is a design we can all be proud of." Judge Mullins agreed. Mr. Neal Smith stated he liked the brick and Mr. Deskins and Judge Coleman as well praised the design.

Judge Rutherford asked if a tenant had a longterm contract with the property owner, does AOC still condemn the property and Mr. Lilly answered no, AOC deals with the owner. Judge Rutherford said if a contract contained specific language, would the tenant have to be reimbursed for moving and Mr. Lilly said the AOC legal department is working on those issues since he has spoken with the same gentleman who had questioned Judge Rutherford. Judge Coleman asked if Attorney Case had been kept updated by the AOC legal department and Mr. Lilly replied it had.

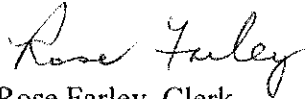
Mr. Blackburn asked if the Board was accepting the plan. **Upon motion by Donovan Blackburn and second by Neal Smith, the Board unanimously APPROVED Phase A of the proposed design of the Pike County Judicial Center and APPROVED its submission to AOC by Sherman, Carter and Barnhart, Architects, as presented to the Board on this date.**

Judge Rutherford declared the public had been told it would have input and he asked if a date and time has been set for the public hearing. He stated he wanted public input before the final vote. Mr. Blackburn suggested having the Fiscal Court and City Commissioners meet jointly in the courtroom. City Manager Donovan Blackburn will set up a meeting with the City Commissioners to see the designs. A public hearing was set for August 25, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., and Jeff Lilly said it should be advertised as a board meeting. **Upon motion by Neal Smith and second by Judge Darrell Mullins, the Board APPROVED and AUTHORIZED a public hearing to be held as a Board meeting on August 25, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., in the Pike County Fiscal Courtroom.** The next regular meeting is September 4, 2008.

Debbie Bailey of Grace Fellowship asked when the suits would be filed and Judge Rutherford said if all information is in, all suits will be filed Monday. Ms. Bailey asked if everyone has agreed to sell and Judge Rutherford answered yes.

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, Judge Rutherford **ADJOURNED** the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Rose Farley, Clerk